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fair; continued cold until Sunday; north  
wind.

**ARMY REORGANIZATION.**  
Full Bill in the Hands of the  
Military Committee.

Washington, December 9.—The house  
committee on military affairs began con-  
sideration today of the important features  
of the reorganization and increase of the  
army to meet the conditions arising out  
of the war. Such progress was made that  
chairman Hull said at the close of the  
meeting that he expected not only to re-  
port the bill to the house before the hol-  
idays, but also to pass it by that time. In  
order to expedite the work daily com-  
mittee meetings will be held, beginning next  
Monday. General Miles and General Scho-  
field, the present and the late commanding  
officer of the army, will be invited to be  
present on Monday to offer suggestions and  
recommendations. Following them the  
various heads of staff bureaus, the ad-  
jutant general, commissary general, quar-  
termaster general, etc., will be heard.

More than usual interest is attached to  
the meeting today owing to the effect of  
this legislation upon the future status of  
the army. The bill immediately under con-  
sideration was the Hull bill, introduced by  
Chairman Hull, and having the approval of  
Secretary Alger. The other army bill drawn  
by General Miles was not before the com-  
mittee, so no comparison of their provisions  
was attempted. The Miles bill probably will  
be introduced in the house on Monday and  
referred to the military committee so as to  
be taken up when General Miles is heard.

For today, however, the committee consid-  
ered its attention to going over the various  
provisions of the Hull bill. Mr. Hull explained  
the plan of the measure in so shaping the  
arms of the service as to bring the total  
effective force up to 100,000 and this led to  
general discussions. No decision was  
reached and no votes taken on any of the  
features of the bill, the whole subject go-  
ing over.

**CABINET MEETING.**  
Time Consumed in Discussion of At-  
tains in West Indies.

Washington, December 9.—The discus-  
sion of the details of the administration of  
affairs in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philip-  
pines under the treaty of peace, which is  
about to be signed in Paris, occupied a  
large part of the time at today's cabinet  
meeting. The establishment of a new postal  
system in Cuba was regarded as a pressing  
necessity. The present house is to fashion  
the new system as far as practicable on  
our own model.

Cablegrams were read from Admiral  
Dewey and General Otis at Manila, giving  
the progress as to the number of troops that  
it would be necessary to keep in the Philip-  
pines during the administration of the mili-  
tary government. Further than this the  
contents of these messages were not made  
public, but the information received, it is  
stated, was entirely satisfactory to the president.

Nothing had been heard from Paris up  
to the close of the cabinet meeting. An  
official denial is authorized that the sale of  
the Philippine islands to any other nation  
has ever been considered by this govern-  
ment and it is stated that the published  
statements to the effect that their sale to  
Japan had been under discussion was alto-  
gether false.

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The Americans held their usual session  
this morning. The Spaniards continue  
making over comments concerning Presi-  
dent McKinley's reference to the Maine  
disaster, a correspondent of the Associated  
Press approached Senor Garcia, or the  
Spanish commission, for further details of  
his remarks. He said: "The fact that you  
confront all the American and English  
papers is really a reason why I should say  
nothing. But what you show me as hav-  
ing been cabled is substantially correct.  
The exact number of articles is still un-  
determined. It depends upon how Secre-  
taries Ojeda and Moore divide the treaty.  
It may be twelve or twenty articles. The  
Americans are to pay the indemnity within  
three months of the ratification. We shall  
impose conditions in Cuba and Porto Rico  
and the Philippine islands without delay.  
The Cuban consul will be accredited to the  
powers that be."

Asked why the Spaniards refused to grant  
the United States a coaling station in the  
Caroline Islands Senor Garcia said: "The  
Americans could hardly expect we should  
agree to discuss matters outside of the  
protocol, after the lessons we have had  
from them on that point. When we wished  
to discuss the Cuban debt they absolutely  
refused to consider it and then they asked  
us for whatever they wanted. Quelle  
tourment (what cheek). Yet the Cuban debt  
remains an important question for settle-  
ment."

In regard to the Spaniards' final protest  
on the subject of the Maine disaster Senor  
Garcia remarked: "That protest now be-  
comes 'deceit,' as it is embodied in the  
treaty. We do not wish to remain under an im-  
putation which would perpetuate animosity and  
hatred against us and which would be a  
source of constant irritation in Spain. It  
should have been said just that this thing  
would have over the reputation of Spain.  
We can not submit to it. It must be  
cleared up in justice to ourselves. There  
are many other causes to bring hatred be-  
tween the two nations without the addi-  
tion of such an one as this. As to the  
future relations of the two countries that  
is one of the things history alone can de-  
termine. Many nations which have been  
bitter enemies have become speedily  
friendly."

Senor Garcia was then questioned as to  
the future of the Philippine islands, and  
he said:  
"The United States has inaugurated a  
policy which will bring in much money  
and many reconstructions. The American

are not prepared for the work they are  
about to undertake. Your democratic sys-  
tem must inaugurate an imperialist and  
bureaucratic system and you must increase  
your army and navy, with the result that  
there will be constant friction between  
yourself and the European powers."

The Americans preserve secret regarding  
the terms of the treaty. This is partly  
through the influence of the press sensation  
on the body who represent that it would  
be discourtesy to the senate to publish  
the terms before the treaty is presented  
to that body by the president. The pro-  
tected of the treaty will reach the dis-  
positions of a volume, as it will contain  
every written statement on both sides dur-  
ing the conferences.

The Spaniards made a late contribution  
yesterday on the assembly of the com-  
mittee. Senor Montero Rios then presented  
a vigorously worded protest, in which the  
Spaniards declared they had yielded to  
force, but that they invoked the conscience  
of the nations against the abuse of the  
rights to a nation of which they were  
the victims. The protest was for the purpose  
of record and consisted of an argument in  
support of every concession made by the  
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An important article, possibly the  
accusation hurled against us in con-  
nection with the Maine and we intend to  
again submit the question to an interna-  
tional tribunal, comprised of England,  
France and Germany, to determine who  
bears the responsibility of the catastro-  
phe."

In spite of secrecy observed by the Amer-  
icans it is learned that the treaty in sub-  
stance consists of thirteen or fourteen ar-  
ticles. The principal articles provide for  
the cession and evacuation of Cuba, Porto  
Rico and the Philippine islands and the  
political, administrative and financial re-  
sults thereof; the acquisition by the  
United States of public property and the  
relinquishment of archipelago. The articles  
also determine the status of the islands  
of Spanish subjects remaining in the  
ceded territory and unfinished lawsuits  
and contracts, guarantees of the same  
terms. Spanish subjects in this country  
shall be as imposed upon American shipping  
and merchandise in the Philippine islands  
for ten years, and leaving the status of  
Spanish commerce in the West Indies to  
be settled later.

An important provision is the guarantee  
of religious freedom in the ceded territory  
on the same terms as the Florida territory.  
The United States steadily refusing to  
incorporate any guarantee of the United  
States determination to furnish the prop-  
erty of the Catholic church, leaving it sub-  
ject to the general laws on the same foot-  
ing as private property.

Senator Gray, though well known to be  
radically opposed to the policy of annexa-  
tion or imperialism, will vote in the sen-  
ate to ratify the treaty, declaring that his  
signing that document binds him to support it.

**CUBAN EXTREMISTS.**  
Juan Castillo and Negroes Wreck the  
Spanish Club.

Santiago de Cuba, December 9.—The ex-  
tremists of the Cuban republican party  
were anxious to assume the responsibility  
of the outrage at the Spanish club Wed-  
nesday evening, when Juan Castillo, a  
former Cuban officer, accompanied by two  
negro subordinates, rode into the club  
rooms and with their machetes smashed  
several lamps and did other outrages.

El Prebitero, the organ of this faction,  
claims that the act of Castillo "represented  
the feelings of the largely outraged but  
now sovereign people."

Vice President Barboza of the San  
Carlos club has asserted that if Castillo  
had not been promptly released from cus-  
tody 10,000 Cubans would have known the  
reason why. But such expressions must  
not be taken as representing the views of  
the best Cuban element, which is really  
very strongly in favor of annexation.

**FAKE INTERVIEW.**  
General Wheeler Never Said He Was  
Going to Resign.

Washington, December 9.—Major General  
Wheeler authorized the following state-  
ment today as to reports that he had de-  
cided to resign from the house of rep-  
resentatives: "I was surprised to see what  
purported to be an interview about my  
resigning from congress. I have never  
gone further than to say that I would  
consider the question when I had time and  
would take such action as my friends  
would approve. Thus far, however, I have  
reached no final conclusions."

**IT IS GOING TO BE COLDER.**  
Low Record Mark of the Thermometer Will Be  
Reached Today, It Is Predicted.

The wet north that has prevailed in Texas has been a hummer, but Dr.  
Cline, the weather forecast official for Texas stationed at Galveston, says this  
isn't a marker to the weather we are going to have.

"The temperature will be 9 degrees below freezing Saturday," was the  
cheerful information that greeted a reporter, and the high point of the weather  
factory chuckled with delight. Then he cast his weather eye around at some  
red and blue marks on the map spread out before him and began to explain how  
it all came about. He studied the marks and dots on his map a while longer  
and then went up on top of the roof to take a final peep at the thermometer.  
When he returned the following special forecast was announced:

\*\*\*\*\*  
Tonight and Saturday: Rain or  
snow; colder, with temperature  
probably 25 degrees at Galveston  
and 15 degrees at 100 miles  
from Galveston Saturday morn-  
ing.  
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"That is the coldest prediction I have ever made," said Dr. Cline, and he  
rubbed his hands in anticipation of the discomfort that will prevail. "I have been  
making temperature predictions only during the last four years," he continued,  
"but in all that time we have had nothing that will equal this blizzard in in-  
tensity. I dislike to put that announcement out," said he to the reporter, but a  
final look at the blue and red marks on the mysterious map settled the matter.

Messages were hastily sent to all the coast country towns. The truck farm-  
ers of this region depend entirely on the local weather office for warnings of all  
storms and seldom are they disappointed. The sugar cane has been cut and  
will not suffer from this freeze, but many gardens are believed to be to a bad  
way.

The temperature has been falling rapidly all day. When Dr. Cline made his  
special forecast it was 26. In thirty minutes it had dropped to 25.6 and was still  
falling.

There are from four to seven inches of snow all over North Texas now,  
and snow is still falling at Amarillo, Abilene and as far south as Palestine. The  
barometer is higher than previously this season over the Eastern Rocky moun-  
tain region, the readings of the barometer generally being above 31 inches. The  
temperature is below zero all over the territory north of a line between Amarillo  
and Dodge City, through Kansas City and between St. Louis andavenport.

**CAUCUS TO BE HELD**  
The Fight on Bailey Will Receive Its  
Final Quietus Tonight.

**WILLING FOR A PARTY TEST.**  
Mr. Bailey Offered to Submit His Case  
to a Vote of the Democrats.

**IMPORTANT SUBJECT TO BE DECIDED.**  
Resolution May Be Passed Binding All Dem-  
ocrats by the Caucus.

**CABINET ARRANGING A TARIFF FOR CUBA**  
Spanish Duties Will Be Reduced Fifty  
Per Cent and No Export Taxes  
Levied—Postal Plans.

(Special Dispatch to The Post.)  
Washington, December 9.—The much  
talked of democratic caucus will be held  
tomorrow evening and the fight on Joe  
Bailey so far as this session of congress  
is concerned will be at an end. The talk  
of deposing Mr. Bailey as democratic  
leader this session originated in personal  
animosity and will end in failure.

The talk of Bailey resigning the leader-  
ship was occasioned by his saying that if  
any representative democrat would say in  
caucus that he was not wanted he would  
resign at once and test the matter by a  
vote.

It is very probable the caucus will pass  
the resolution binding all democrats on  
questions upon which they are not in-  
structed by their constituents. Another  
victory for Bailey.

**WAR REVENUE TEST.**  
United States Supreme Court Will  
Hear the Case Soon.

(Special Dispatch to The Post.)  
Washington, December 9.—The first case  
before the supreme court of the United  
States involving the war revenue act will  
be argued next week.

It comes to the court of appeals from  
the United States circuit court of the  
Northern district of Illinois and involves  
the constitutionality of the provision of  
the act requiring brokers or others sell-  
ing grain or provisions to give a bill,  
memorandum, agreement of sale, or other  
papers showing the particulars of the  
sale, to which a stamp must be attached  
denoting payment of the tax. The case is  
brought by one Nicol, a member of the  
Chicago board of trade, who sold a quantity  
of grain on that board without giving to  
the buyer a bill or agreement of sale.

**NAVAL MATTERS.**  
Information to Be More Carefully  
Guarded in the Future.

Washington, December 9.—Action has  
been taken by Secretary Long to withhold  
information concerning American naval af-  
fairs from foreign governments. This is  
done largely to the refusal of foreign gov-  
ernments to give to the American officers  
information which they seek. Hitherto  
the authorities have been very open with  
foreign attaches, but in the future it is  
likely the secrecy which exists abroad will  
be followed here.

Naval Constructor Hobson was at the  
department today in connection with his  
orders to proceed to Hong Kong. He de-  
clared a short leave, but the department  
was compelled to refuse his request, be-  
cause of the necessity of getting him to  
Hong Kong as soon as possible.

**INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION.**  
The Subcommittee Have Completed  
All Their Reports.

Washington, December 9.—The indus-  
trial commission has been engaged as a  
body during the greater part of the week  
considering the plans of proceeding with  
work before it, which has been prepared  
by the various subcommittees appointed on  
the questions in hand. These plans cover  
the four more important branches of the  
work, agriculture, mining, manufactures  
and transportation and the subcommittees  
have all completed their work so far as  
they are able as such to do so. It was  
naturally found upon comparison that some  
of the plans overlapped and a general sub-  
committee, consisting of a representative  
of each of the divisions, was appointed  
to revise the various syllabuses, to harmonize  
the several plans and to prevent duplica-  
tion.

When this work is completed and the  
full committee shall have finally indorsed  
the work of its representatives the subdi-  
visions will take up their assignments in  
consequence. They expect first to consult such  
documentary evidence as is to be had in  
Washington and will then take such testi-  
mony from individuals as may be consid-  
ered necessary to throw light upon the  
general question of industry, the relation  
of capital and labor.

**PHILIPPINE ISSUES**  
Islands May Be Governed as Australia  
Is Ruled by Great Britain.

**SUBJECT WORRYING MCKINLEY**  
"Imperialism," "Expansion" and Col-  
onization" Are Distasteful to Him.

**WOULD GLADLY SELL WHOLE GROUP.**  
However, He Is Willing to Ascertain the  
Sentiment of the People.

**THE SITUATION AT MANILA HAS IMPROVED**  
It May Be Necessary to Use the Navy  
to Secure the Release of Spaniards  
Held by the Natives.

(Special Dispatch to The Post.)  
Washington, December 9.—Complete in-  
dependence of the Philippines and nominal  
control over the islands by the United  
States in a manner identical with that re-  
garding which Great Britain bears toward  
Australia. These are possibilities in re-  
gard to the future government and control  
of the Eastern archipelago which the  
president talks most about in his conver-  
sation with public men. The idea of the  
islands becoming a permanently integral  
part of the United States is personally op-  
posed by the president. His close per-  
sonal friends say that the words "impe-  
rialism," "expansion" and "colonization"  
have become very objectionable to the  
president and he sincerely hopes that pub-  
lic sentiment during next year will be  
crystallized in favor of some evolution of  
the great problem which will not commit the  
republican party to a policy which can in  
any way be dubbed imperialism.

There is no doubt that the president  
would now willingly dispose of the Philip-  
pines at actual cost price if he could do so.  
To the mind it would be the quickest and  
easiest way of freeing the United States  
from the troubles which are ahead of us in  
connection with the government of the  
Philippines. But he has not committed  
himself on this or any other policy and it  
is his inevitable rule in discussing the  
probabilities of the future to tell his  
friends that further developments in the  
islands and crystallization of sentiment in  
this country will govern him when the  
time comes in the course of another year  
to make recommendations on the subject.  
He prefers to follow rather than guide pub-  
lic sentiment.

**CONDITIONS IMPROVING.**  
Philippine Natives Not Giving Trou-  
ble as Was Expected.

Washington, December 9.—The navy de-  
partment has received a cablegram from  
Admiral Dewey summarizing the existing  
conditions at Manila and such points in  
the Philippines as have been visited by his  
officers.

Advices also have been received from  
General Otis, the commandant of the United  
States military forces in the islands, and  
they both go to show a notable improve-  
ment in conditions and growth of a better  
spirit among these factions of the natives  
which promised to give trouble. This fact  
is particularly gratifying as the United  
States government is already giving consid-  
eration to the best means at hand to release  
the pledge it will be placed under by the  
treaty of Paris to secure the release of  
the Spanish prisoners and the government  
is confident that their captors will release  
them upon proper representations from  
General Otis and Admiral Dewey. It may  
be necessary to call the navy into service  
in this matter for the reason that some  
of the prisoners are held in captivity in  
other islands than Luzon, which can be  
reached best and most effectively by Ad-  
miral Dewey's ships.

Besides the clerical prisoners the Amer-  
icans hold nearly 15,000 Spanish soldiers  
as prisoners, men captured at the fall of  
Manila. These are actually on parole about  
the city and the question is how are they  
to be returned to Spain. This must be  
done by the peace commissioners in  
Paris.

**WANT TO BE AMERICAN.**  
Two Wealthy Philippine Brothers  
Make a Special Request.

Washington, December 9.—The brothers  
Correa, wealthy Philippines, who have just  
arrived in Washington from Manila, called  
at the state department today and were  
received by Secretary Hay, the nation's  
with interest to their statements of events  
and conditions in the Philippines. The  
cablegrams brought with them letters from  
Generals Moritt and Otis, Consul Will-  
iamson and other American officers at Ma-  
nila, speaking in terms of high praise of  
the capable service rendered by the United  
States troops and navy by the many and  
telling of the heavy sacrifices made by  
them to secure our forms.

They seek as a measure of recognition  
the gift of American citizenship by special  
act in advance of other Philippines.

**THE CLAYTON-BULWER TREATY**  
SENATOR CAFFERY'S REASONS FOR  
WANTING IT ABROGATED.

Regards It as an Important Step in  
Building the Inter-oceanic Canal  
Across Nicaragua.

(Special Dispatch to The Post.)  
Washington, December 9.—In speaking  
of his resolution to abrogate the Clayton-  
Bulwer treaty so far as it prevents the  
United States from occupying any territory  
in Costa Rica and Nicaragua and exercising  
any exclusive control or dominion over the